

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:

Chairman Thomas then stated for the record that both the Press and Banner and the Index Journal were notified of the meeting and that the meeting was posted on County Buildings as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Chairman Thomas opened a public hearing on an ordinance amending the FY 04-05 Budget for Abbeville County by appropriating and expending \$6,500.00 from the Infrastructure Development Fund as an economic development incentive.

No comments were made by the public.

Chairman Thomas closed the public hearing.

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2004
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chairman Thomas, Vice-Chairman Brown, Councilman Forrester, Councilman Gunnells, Councilman Walker and Councilman Norris. Councilman Calhoun came in late

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The audience led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION:

Dan Evatt gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2004, regular council meeting. Vice-Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Councilman Norris made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2004, special meeting. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Jim Irwin spoke to the Council. He spoke about Council's adoption of the Uniform Summons Ordinance to enforce the Zoning Ordinance. He requested three workshops and greater grandfathering provisions.

Mr. R.T. Moore spoke to the Council. He spoke about his opposition to the Council's pay increase, and requested greater notification to the press. He thanked Councilman Forrester for his vote on the pay increase.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The first item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the Abbeville County Zoning Text to add Section 726 entitled Day Care and Child Care Facilities. Councilman Gunnells made a motion that this issue remained on the table. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- b. The second item on the agenda was third reading of an ordinance amending the FY 04-05 budget for Abbeville County by appropriating and expending \$6,500 from the Infrastructure Development Fund as an Economic Development Incentive. Councilman Norris made a motion to approve third reading. Councilman Gunnells seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.
- c. The third item on the agenda was second reading of an ordinance to amend the official zoning maps for East Teak Lumber Co., by George Guy, located at 1106 Drake Road, Donalds, being a portion of Tax Map Number 014-00-00-006, 007, 011 and 048. The request is to rezone from Forest/Agriculture (FA) to Basic Industrial (BI). Councilman Gunnells made a motion to approve second reading. Councilman Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Gunnells made a motion to authorize the County Director to enter into a contract with Pickens Construction Company for road repairs on Hanover Road in County Meadows in the amount of \$96,340. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker. Councilman Forrester requested an itemized list of the expenditures. The motion carried 6-1-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further items of discussion Councilman Norris made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Callhoun seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

- a. The first item on the agenda was a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Herbert Anderson Jr., Construction, Inc., of Greenwood, SC, in the amount of \$94,515.00, for roadway improvements to Hanover Road in Abbeville, SC. Chairman Thomas moved this item further down on the agenda.
- b. Councilman Walker made a motion to add a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Brooks Truck in the amount of \$15,513.16 to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gunnells. The motion carried 7-0-0. Councilman Walker then made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. The motion carried 7-0-0.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The County Director gave an update on the renovations to the Courthouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Finance Committee—Claude Thomas, Billy Norris and Larry Walker. No report provided
- b. Personnel and Administration—Ray Gunnells, Scott Brown and Claude Thomas. No report provided
- c. Public Works—Larry Walker, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. No report provided
- d. Intergovernmental Relations—Billy Norris, Claude Thomas and John Calhoun. No report provided.
- e. Planning and Industrial Development—Scott Brown, John Calhoun and Larry Walker. Vice-Chairman Brown mentioned that they are through reviewing the Land Development Regulations, and that there should be many more meetings.
- f. Education, Recreation, Health and Welfare—John Calhoun, Ray Gunnells and David Forrester. No report was given.
- g. Public Safety—David Forrester, Scott Brown and Billy Norris. No report was given.

A motion was made by Councilman Norris to go into executive session. It was seconded by Councilman Calhoun. The motion carried 7-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Thomas reconvened the meeting. Councilman Walker made a motion to authorize the County Director to enter into a contract with Cary Engineering out of Greenville for an analysis of the structural integrity of the Courthouse. Vice Chairman Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.